

Summary of the Minutes
August 5, 2013 Regular Meeting
City of Binghamton Planning Commission
City Council Chambers, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Stella called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Stella, Ayres, Pompei, Bowers, Staff, O'Loughlin, Berling
Absent: Corcoran, Emilio
Vacant: None
Staff Present: T. Costello, B. Seachrist, H.P. L'Orange

APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES

Motion to approve the Summary of the Minutes from the July 1, 2013 regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting.

Moved by O'Loughlin, seconded by Berling

Motion carried (7-0-0)

Ayes: Stella, Ayres, Pompei, Bowers, Staff, O'Loughlin, Berling

Nays: None

Absent: Corcoran, Emilio

Recused: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

19 Chenango Street (2013-33)

Sarah Campbell, Esq., representing the applicant, appeared to provide information on a proposed conversion of floors 2-12 of an existing building for a Multi-Unit Dwelling Unit use (68 Units, 231 Bedrooms) in the C-2 District.

Chairman Stella opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor of the proposal. No one spoke in opposition of the proposal. No letters were received in favor or in opposition of the proposal. Planning staff reported that 239 L&M comments had not been received from Broome County; the review period would not close until Friday, August 9, 2013. The public hearing was left open.

Ms. Campbell requested that the Planning Commission consider holding a special meeting to conclude the public hearing; the applicant would renote the meeting.

Motion to table the public hearing and deliberations, due to lack of 239 L&M comments, until the next meeting of the Planning Commission.

Moved by O'Loughlin, seconded by Pompei

Motion carried (7-0-0)

Ayes: Stella, Ayres, Pompei, Bowers, Staff, O'Loughlin, Berling

Nays: None

Absent: Corcoran, Emilio

Recused: None

20 Hawley Street (2013-22)

This case was tabled at the applicant's request prior to the meeting.

SEQR DETERMINATIONS

7 and 15 Walter Avenue (2013-40)

John Haggopian appeared to provide information on an application for Series A Site Plan & Special Use Permit to construct a 19,259 square foot addition to an existing warehouse building, connecting the existing warehouse to a 19,500 square foot former bowling alley to be utilized as a small parts warehouse, hose fabrication facility, line drive facility, and customer sales and pickup area.

Motion to declare the proposed action an Unlisted Action for State Environmental Quality Review.

Moved by Staff, seconded by O'Loughlin

Motion carried (7-0-0)

Ayes: Stella, Ayres, Pompei, Bowers, Staff, O'Loughlin, Berling

Nays: None

Absent: Corcoran, Emilio

Recused: None

Motion to declare the Planning Commission be Lead Agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Moved by Staff, seconded by Pompei

Motion carried (7-0-0)

Ayes: Stella, Ayres, Pompei, Bowers, Staff, O'Loughlin, Berling

Nays: None

Absent: Corcoran, Emilio

Recused: None

Motion to set a public hearing for September 9, 2013 at 5:20pm.

Moved by Staff, seconded by O'Loughlin

Motion carried (7-0-0)

Ayes: Stella, Ayres, Pompei, Bowers, Staff, O'Loughlin, Berling

Nays: None

Absent: Corcoran, Emilio

Recused: None

OTHER BUSINESS

Pompi made some comments on the proposed project at 20 Hawley Street, seeking to draw a distinction in the types of SEQRA reviews between that project and another project.

There was a brief, general discussion on the issue of density for multi-unit residential properties.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by Staff, seconded by O'Loughlin

Voice vote; none opposed.

Adjourned at 6:18 p.m.